NT219 (PER-200)
Managing Civil Actions in Threat Incidents (MCATI): Basic Course

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Course Description

Law enforcement agencies that handle weapons of mass destruction (WMD) incidents are required to address any civil disturbances that arise as a result of these incidents. Police need to be trained to understand the principles involved in MCATI. Poor crowd management within general proximity of a WMD event can easily exacerbate the continued spread of chemical or biological contamination, unless non-public safety persons are prevented from entering and exiting the threat zone.

This course provides Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for and successfully mitigate threat incidents involving civil disorder. The course combines classroom instruction and numerous field exercises to allow the students to apply the concepts and tactics in a controlled environment. The program provides instruction in a historical perspective of civil disturbances, mobile field force team tactics, crowd behavior, demonstrator tactics, room and store entries, vertical building patrol, use of force during civil disturbances, special threats, mass arrest, less lethal munitions, and riot control agent familiarization for use during civil disturbances, and concludes with a culminating exercise.

Course Objectives

- Describe the tactics used by protestors against public safety during a civil action.
- Identify the appropriate level of force to use in a civil action.
- Demonstrate the proper procedures for making arrests in a mass arrest situation.
- Describe various decontamination processes that may be used during a civil disorder.
- Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the use of chemical agents in a civil action.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of the use of less-than-lethal munitions in a civil disorder.
- Demonstrate the tactics used in a civil action when public safety personnel are confronted with hostile gunfire and sniper situations.

Course Length

40 hours

Prerequisite

None

Target Audience/Discipline

- Law Enforcement